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In re Application of:

Kee et al.

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OF DEFECTIVE BGA SOLDER BALLS

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Sir:

The Examiner indicates:

None of the references of record teaches or suggests the claimed limitations having a method of replacing a solder ball comprising: extracting at least on solder ball with a capillary tube to vacate the attachment site, retrieving another solder ball with the capillary tube, replacing the another solder ball on the attachment site with the capillary tube and bonding the another ball to the attachment site.

While the Applicants concur that the claims are allowable, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability of any of the claims depends solely upon the recited limitations of "extracting at

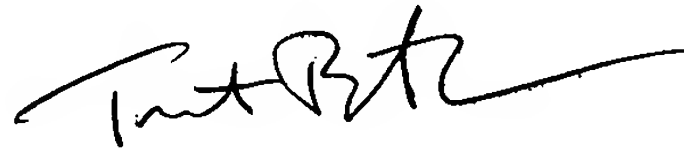
least on solder ball with a capillary tube to vacate the attachment site, retrieving another solder ball with the capillary tube, replacing the another solder ball on the attachment site with the capillary tube and bonding the another ball to the attachment site.”

Particularly, each of the independent method claims 1 and 26, as allowed, include other and different limitations than specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims, which respectively depend from each of independent claims 1, and 26 include other and further features and elements.

Furthermore, Applicants note that each of independent apparatus claims 12 and 19 include other and different limitations than specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims, which respectively depend from each of independent claims 12 and 19, include other and further features and elements.

Accordingly, Applicants assert that the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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